

Public Notice
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Shellfish Aquaculture Lease – Devin L. Tibbs #588, Dorchester County

The Secretary of Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), pursuant to Natural Resources Article, §4-11A-09(g), Annotated Code of Maryland, is giving notice of an application for a shellfish aquaculture submerged land lease by Devin L. Tibbs in Fishing Bay, Dorchester County, Maryland, located approximately 1000 feet from the western shoreline above the mouth of Thorofare Creek, and south of Point No Point. The area applied for contains 14.9 acres more or less and is enclosed by a line beginning at corner 1, at or near Lat. 38° 19' 36.2" N., Long. 76° 1' 20.2" W., then running 355° 16' (True), approximately 176 meters to corner 2, at or near Lat. 38° 19' 41.9" N., Long. 76° 1' 20.8" W., then running 81° 59' (True), approximately 354 meters to corner 3, at or near Lat. 38° 19' 43.7" N., Long. 76° 1' 6.4" W., then running 162° 59' (True), approximately 149 meters to corner 4, at or near Lat. 38° 19' 39.1" N., Long. 76° 1' 4.5" W., then running 257° 48' (True), approximately 391 meters to the point of beginning.

The applicant proposes to deposit oyster shell and spat-on-shell as needed within the given area to a maximum depth of three inches for the purpose of culturing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*), and to harvest using methods approved by the Department. Lease corners will be marked in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations. A map of the proposed lease is available on the Fishing and Boating Services Public Notice web page, dnr.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Pub_Notices.aspx.

The Department will hold a public informational meeting upon written request from any person whose request also contains their name, mailing address and email address and is received by March 6, 2026. In addition, any person who has a specific right, duty, privilege, or interest that is different from that held by the general public and may be adversely affected by the proposed lease may file a Petition of Protest with the Department protesting the issuance of the lease by March 6, 2026 or within seven days after a public informational meeting held by the Department. A protest filed with the Department must contain all of the following to be considered valid: 1) the name, mailing address and email address of the protestant; 2) a statement indicating that the protestant intends to protest the lease and the reasons for the protest; and 3) a statement describing the protestant's specific right, duty, privilege, or interest that is different from that held by the general public and may be adversely affected by the proposed lease. Petitions that meet the requirements of Natural Resources Article §4-11A-09(g) shall be forwarded to the Office of Administrative Hearings for adjudication. Comments, requests for a public informational meeting, and/or Petitions of Protest must be received in writing by the Department of Natural Resources Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division by email to aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov or by mail to 580 Taylor Avenue E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401 by the established deadlines. For questions about the project or the public notice, please contact the DNR Aquaculture and Industry Enhancement Division at 410-260-8252 or aquaculturepubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov.

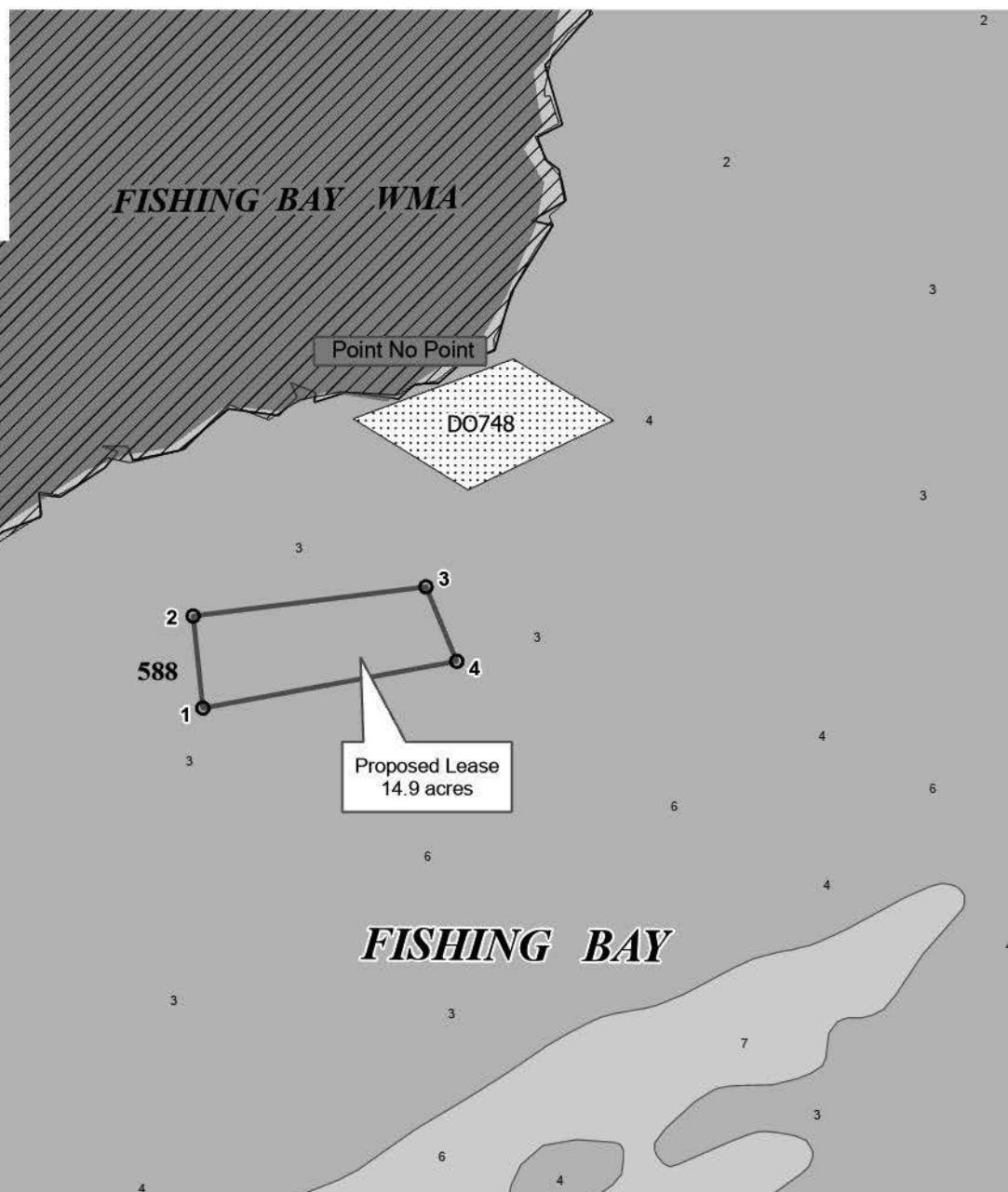
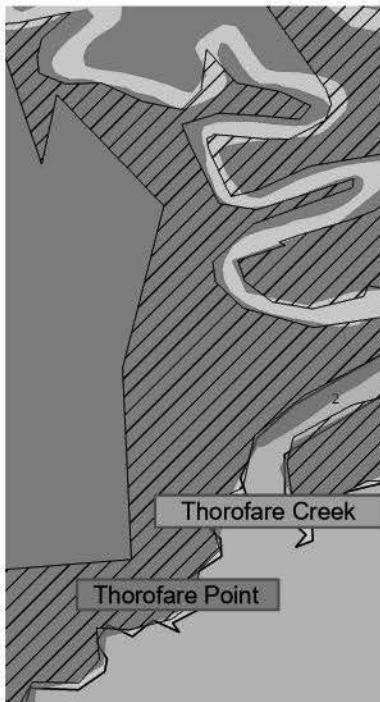
Josh Kurtz, Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Shellfish Submerged Land Lease NAV Chart Map

Devin L. Tibbs #588 - Fishing Bay, Dorchester County, Maryland

Label	Coordinates	Depth at MLLW (FT)
1	38° 19' 36.2" N, 76° 1' 20.2" W	4.5
2	38° 19' 41.9" N, 76° 1' 20.8" W	4.5
3	38° 19' 43.7" N, 76° 1' 6.4" W	4.5
4	38° 19' 39.1" N, 76° 1' 4.5" W	4.5

Corner markers will be used to mark the lease perimeter in accordance with Natural Resources Article §4-11A-10 and will be subject to U.S. Coast Guard approval.



Lease Area shown over
NOAA Raster
Navigational Charts.

- Proposed Lease
- ▨ Land-Based-Sanctuaries and Refuges (state, federal, private, etc)
- ▨ Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (VIMS)
- Structures (Piers, Marinas, etc)
- ▨ Wetlands of Special State Concern (MD-DNR)
- ▨ Active Shellfish Lease
- ▨ Proposed Shellfish Lease
- ▨ Tidal Wetlands (NWI Wetlands) (excludes E1 type)



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